
SECOND CHURCH

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Serving Others. Changing Lives.

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Ash Wednesday Service

with the Burning of Palms, the Imposition of Ashes, and the Sounding of the Shofar
February 22 – 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary



-An important beginning to the Lenten Season-

the newsletter of second presbyterian church

Second Thoughts from the Pastor

The older one gets, the more rapidly the seasons come and go—not simply the liturgical seasons, but also the political seasons. It seems like a year ago—two, at most-- that this nation was going through a presidential election, and here we are again. Debates. Television ads. The swapping of insults and innuendos.

A standard element of the political campaign season is the *sound bite*; a negative sound bite that sticks can derail a candidate's ambitions overnight. In the same way, yet not as often, a positive sound bite can lift approval ratings. These pithy statements may contain a kernel of truth, but rarely can they be accepted at face value.

As we move into the season of Lent, the preaching theme is *Sound Bites from the Wilderness*. The season of Lent is a wilderness time in the life of the church. Many of our scripture readings include sound bites that are familiar—we have heard them from our earliest days and think we know what they mean. Some are confusing, some comforting, and some are fearful. We will have the opportunity during the Sundays of Lent to explore them in more depth and to find that deep truth that makes them Gospel for us.

During the last few weeks David Maltby, Jay Summerville, and I have been meeting to work on the texts for Lent and to plan services that I hope you will find meaningful. It is truly a delight for me to delve into these texts with colleagues in ministry and discover the rich and varied possibilities for understanding a particular text.

Ruling elders have always been encouraged to develop gifts that will benefit the ministry of the church. David and Jay will each preach on a Sunday during Lent—or, at least, that is our plan at present. It will not matter, however, who is in the pulpit, the sermon will be a joint effort as we seek together to discover God's Word for our lives and for the life of this congregation.

Grace and peace,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Mary Gene". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial 'M' and a long, sweeping underline.

SOUND BITES FROM THE WILDERNESS

--Preaching in the Season of Lent--



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| 1 st Sun. of Lent | Feb. 26 | “You are my Son, the Beloved.” | Mk.1:9-15 |
| 2 nd Sun. of Lent | March 4 | “Take up your cross and follow me.” | Mk. 8:31-38 |
| 3 rd Sun. of Lent | March 11 | “Jesus made a whip of cords and drove them out of the temple.” | Jn. 2:13-22 |
| 4 th Sun. of Lent | March 18 | “For God so loved the world...” | Jn. 3:14-21 |
| 5 th Sun. of Lent | March 25 | “Those who love their life lose it..” | Jn. 12:20-23 |

We invite you to prepare for participation in the weekly worship service by reading the scripture during the week and spending time in silence. What confuses you about the text? Where do you find gospel promise in these stories? Where do you find your own life intersecting with the passage?

FROM THE PASTORAL MUSICIAN

This February we move from the Sundays following Epiphany into the beginning of Lent. On February 5, the choir will sing anthems by John Rutter and Geoffrey Shaw with texts based on Psalm 150. We will also welcome violinist Anna Lackschewitz to our service that morning. Ms. Lackschewitz played here in the Christmas Eve string trio and is a freelance musician in the area. Her appearance is provided by an anonymous donation to the *Music Fund*.

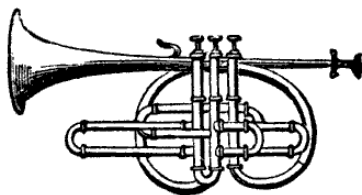
On the afternoon of February 12 at 4:00 pm we welcome jazz band Cornet Chop Suey to the *Couts Music Series*. This seven-member band will play a varied program of jazz, swing, blues, and more. This concert is free and open to the community.

February 19 is the final Sunday in the liturgical calendar before we enter Lent. This Sunday is named "Transfiguration Sunday." On this Sunday we remember the story of Jesus going to a mountain and shining with bright rays of light. The prophets Moses and Elijah appear next to him and speak with him. The hymn writer Brian Wren wrote the text "Christ upon the Mountain Peak" for Transfiguration Sunday, and the choir will sing his text to the music of Paul Bouman.

During the Sundays in Lent, you will notice some small changes in worship which highlight the penitential feel of this season. Some parts of the service, which normally portray our outward expression of great joy and thankfulness to God, are eliminated to help us focus inwardly on our worship of God. During Lent we remove the opening choir procession, the speaking and singing of "Alleluia," and the festive closing Postlude. Music for the First Sunday in Lent includes music for handbells, the choir, and St. Louis Symphony trombonist Gerard Pagano.

Grace and peace,

Andy



Sunday Afternoon
February 12, 4:00 pm

CORNET CHOP SUEY

JAZZ BAND

The seven-member band plays jazz, swing, blues, and more.

Check out their website and get a preview of their music:
www.cornetchopsuey.com

Get a preview of their performance at
www.youtube.com/watch?v=QX5m0nZAz1M
(Sheldon Concert Hall)

Second Presbyterian Church
4501 Westminster Place

Free and open to the public
Childcare provided with reservation by February 8
314.367.0367

2012 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 7:00 PM
CHURCH DINING ROOM

You are invited to be an important part of the future of Second Presbyterian Church by providing leadership for the 2012 Capital Campaign.

Please volunteer to join one of the planning teams and commit to 3-4 meetings between now and the end of May. EVERYONE has a role to play in a successful campaign!



If you cannot attend the January 31st meeting and still want to be involved, let the church office know by calling 314-367-0366.



The session of Second Church appointed Jay Summerville to chair the 2012 Capital Campaign. Jay has been a part of the Presbyterian Church (USA) from his earliest days and is a longtime member of Second Church, serving most recently on session and as chair of the Stewardship and Finance Committee. Jay is a member of the COPE Board of Directors and has mentored numerous ex-offenders. He is a partner at Armstrong Teasdale LLP. His mother Jean has recently moved back to Kirkwood and joined him in the pew. We are grateful to Jay for his willingness to serve the church in this way.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

JANUARY 17, 2012

- Moderator Mary Gene Boteler convened the January 17, 2012 session meeting with evening prayer highlighting The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.
- Session Members present: Mary Gene Boteler, Barbara Anderson, Barbara Bowyer, Charles Croissant, Nancy Smith, Julius Hunter, Ellen Schroeder, Booker Shaw, Stephen Duntley, Nick Petges, Nancy Quigley.
- Session Members absent: Kevin Gritzke, David Maltby
- Also present: Don Beimdiek, Clerk, Brian Smith, Treasurer
- Approved minutes of the December 20, 2011 and January 5, 2012 session meetings.
- Approved renting the basement hall and dining room areas to the City of St. Louis Board of Election Commissioners for public elections.
- Approved the use of Niccolls Hall by the Lyon St. Louis Sister City organization for a meeting and reception on Sunday, February 26, 2012 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Approved use of the dining room on Saturday, December 8, 2012 by Delta Kappa Gamma Sorority for a Christmas luncheon.
- Authorized the Pastor or Secretary to sign a petition in support of the retail liquor license application by Troy's Jazz Gallery.
- Reviewed the December 31, 2011 financial reports. The church had a 2011 Operating Deficit of (\$14,841) for the year 2011, which is better than projected.
- Pastor reported her participate in an inter-faith dialogue about the Christian understanding of sin on January 19, 2012, at Second Church.
- Authorized the transfer of \$1,119 from Designated Account 8202 (Good Ground Party) to Designated Account 8082 (Good Ground Christmas).
- Noted that the luncheon before Annual Congregation Meeting on Sunday, January 29, 2012 at noon will be potluck with the Congregational Care Mission Team providing meat and drinks.
- Authorized John Leo, Chair of Building and Grounds, to sign a contract with Murphy Heating and Air Conditioning to replace the drip pan and install a shut-off switch on the air handler in the east transept. The cost of this work will not exceed \$6,000.
- Authorized Booker Shaw to present the change in the pastor's terms of call for 2012 at the Congregation meeting on January 29, 2012

- Developed recommendations for membership on the Steering Committee of the Capital Campaign and the teams associated with the capital campaign.
- Heard a report from Nancy Quigley regarding the mission portion of the capital campaign. Approved the exploration of a relationship between Mark Hare, his wife and 2 children, a PCUSA Mission Worker in Haiti, and Second Church.
- Approved the circulation of a petition to place an initiative regarding payday loan reform on the Missouri ballot. Nancy Quigley will have petitions available in Niccolls Hall.
- Meeting adjourned with the sharing of concerns and celebrations and prayer.

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*Considering membership?
Want to know more about Second Church?*

COME AND CONSIDER....

**FEBRUARY 5, 12, 19 AND 26
AT 9:45 AM IN THE SKINNER SUITE**

The winter Come and Consider Class, being formed for those who are considering membership at Second Presbyterian, will be held at 9:45am on Sunday mornings, February 5, 12, 19 and 26.

These classes will give those considering membership the opportunity to meet and share with our church leaders, learn about our ministries and mission programs, and ask questions concerning what it means to become a member of Second Presbyterian. It also affords those attending the opportunity to become acquainted with others who are considering membership.

Those who wish to become members will be received by our Session on Sunday, February 26.

New members will be presented to the congregation on Sunday, March 4 when their new membership will be celebrated by the congregation during worship and at a reception following worship.

For more information, call Rev. Don Cochran (314.795.7104).

FROM THE EDUCATION MISSION TEAM

2011-2012 SUNDAY EDUCATION SCHEDULE

Adult Bible Study – Niccolls Hall – 1st Floor, 9:30 a.m.

Christian Forum – Portrait Lounge - 1st Floor, 9:30 a.m.
See monthly Christian Forum schedule for weekly topics.

Enrichment Class – Activity Room – 1st Floor, 9:30 a.m.
Andrea Cochran, our children's church school coordinator, returns to teach "*Feasting on the Word*" curriculum this year. Elementary age children are invited to participate in an Enrichment Class in the Activity Room. The nursery is available for young children.



CALLING ALL KIDS!

The children's Sunday school time is from 9:30 -10:30 in the Activity Room.

Andrea Cochran, our children's church school coordinator, is teaching the "*Feasting on the Word*" curriculum this year.

Childcare is available in the Activity Room for younger children beginning at 9:30 as well as during worship.

CHRISTIAN FORUM

February Schedule

Sunday Mornings – 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Portrait Lounge

Saints in the Wilderness: Spirituality & Backpacking

Belden Lane, Professor of Theological Studies at Saint Louis University and an avid backpacker and storyteller, will lead the Christian Forum discussions during the month of February at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday in the Portrait Lounge.

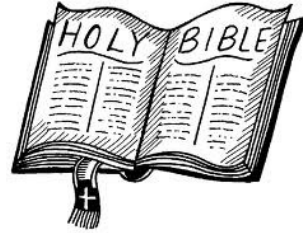
Reading spiritual classics in an Ozark wilderness offers a different take on the truths they convey. Drawing on years of solo backpacking trips along Missouri trails, Belden Lane reflects on the dimensions of a “wilderness spirituality” that may be relevant to all of us. Topics will include the reading of Columba of Iona on “venturing out: in the Irish Wilderness,” Dag Hammarskjold on “traveling light” in Gunstock Hollow, and Thich Nhat Hanh on “mindfulness” in Moonshine Hollow.

| Month/Date | Topic | Presenter | Contact Info. |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Feb. 5 | Saints in the Wilderness: Spirituality & Backpacking | Belden Lane | lanebc@slu.edu |
| Feb. 12 | Saints in the Wilderness: Spirituality & Backpacking | Belden Lane | lanebc@slu.edu |
| Feb. 19 | Saints in the Wilderness: Spirituality & Backpacking | Belden Lane | lanebc@slu.edu |
| Feb. 26 | Saints in the Wilderness: Spirituality & Backpacking | Belden Lane | lanebc@slu.edu |

ADULT BIBLE DISCUSSION

9:30 a.m. Sunday, Nicolls Hall

Imagine reading a Bible passage you may have seen or heard many times before and, through a conversation with friends, discovering a rich, meaningful, new understanding of what was written. Consider the possibility of broadening your personal interpretation of God's Word by investing only 45 minutes a week without any extra work. Think about learning more about the Bible with support at a leisurely pace.



THAT'S what we're all about.

Not a Sunday goes by that we don't walk away from our table without a deeper understanding of the Bible and a better feeling about our Church.

There is always a seat at our table for you. We meet in Nicolls Hall at 9:30 every Sunday for coffee/tea and conversation and begin reading and discussing at 9:45. You don't have to prepare; you don't have to bring anything. You don't even have to say anything if you don't want to. How easy is that? You should come.

Check the weekly bulletin to see what we're reading. See you soon!

For more information: maltbyd@hotmail.com



IN PURSUIT OF GOD'S KINGDOM

**SERMONS BY
REV. JAMES F. DOWD**

Illustrations by D.B. Dowd

*AVAILABLE DURING
LENT 2012*

This book has been created to celebrate Jim Dowd's 40 years as a parish pastor. It includes twenty sermons written between 1985 and 2002, as well as an autobiographical essay. The book is being made available to the congregations touched by Jim and Betty over the years.

The book is available to members of Second Church with a donation of \$20.00 or more to this year's One Great Hour of Sharing offering. Please check in the church office to make arrangements for getting a copy.

Please make checks payable to Second Presbyterian Church with "Jim Dowd/OGHS" noted in the memo line.

SESSION

Third Tuesday of the month
Tuesday, February 21 at 7:00pm
Upper Room – Second Floor

MISSION TEAMS

Second Tuesday of the month
Tuesday, February 14 at 7:00pm
Nicolls Hall – 1st Floor

MEN'S BREAKFAST

So that more people can attend, the Men's Breakfast group now meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. The next Men's Breakfast will be at 7:30am on February 21.

Invitations and reminders will still be e-mailed ahead of each meeting. If you'd like to be on the e-mail list, please contact Mike Willock (jwill2@mindspring.com).

We hope to see you there.

TABLE TALK

Second Wednesday of each month
Wednesday, February 8 at 6:30pm
At Nancy Quigley's home

KNITTING OURSELVES TO GOD

Second Friday of each month
Friday, February 10 at 10:30am
Portrait Lounge – First Floor

DEACONESSES

Second Sunday of each month
Sunday, February 12 at 12:15pm
Compton Lounge – Lower Level

HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY

“Confessing the Beatitudes”
Third Friday of each month
Friday, February 17 at 10:30am
Portrait Lounge – First Floor

SECOND HELPINGS

Third Thursday of each month
Thursday February 16 at 7:30pm
Hosts: Marion & Manny Paxhia
Discussion Topic: Karen Armstrong's
"12 Steps for Compassionate Living"
Presenter: Lois Yatzek

Women's Spiritual Retreat

Please join the women of Second Church at the Women's Spiritual Retreat at Toddhall Retreat Center. The retreat is titled Our Spiritual Journey and is open to women of every age at Second Presbyterian Church. Through conversation and meditation we will focus on our own religious journey and how our relationship with God has grown and changed throughout our lives. The retreat will be facilitated by Rev. Julie March, parish associate. Enjoy fellowship, relaxation, exercise, discussion and meditation for two days in a beautiful bucolic retreat center in Colombia, IL. The cost of the retreat is \$100 per person and includes four meals, one night's lodging, supplies, retreat leader, conference room and use of the beautiful grounds. Below is the reservation form. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Julie March at juliammc@sbcglobal.net or Jane Smith at jane.m.smith@sbcglobal.net.

REGISTRATION FORM
WOMEN'S SPIRITUAL RETREAT
SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MARCH 17 – 18, 2012
TODDHALL RETREAT CENTER
COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS

NAME _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

E- MAIL ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

Fee for the retreat is **\$100** per person and includes 4 meals, lodging, meeting rooms, retreat materials, and facilitator.

Make check payable to **SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**. Write "**Women's Spiritual Retreat**" in the memo section of the check. Send check to Second Presbyterian Church, 4501 Westminster Place, St. Louis, MO 63108, Attn: Church Accountant.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE – FEBRUARY 15, 2012

2ND GENERATION/S/

Contact the 2nd Gens at
2ndgens@gmail.com
if you have any questions.

“Everybody’s Got to Eat”

Lunch on Sundays after worship in the Upper
Room – 2nd Floor

MEMORIAL GIFTS AND DONATIONS

Memorials have been give by

Emmanuel and Marian Paxhia to the Coutts Music Fund in memory Betty B. Gieselman, a former member of Second church. The Gieselmans frequently attended the Coutts Music Programs.

Hilary A. Harris in loving memory of Liz Means.

Dolores McLain in memory of her sister, Donna Hepner.

GIFT OF GIVING UPDATE

We are happy to add the following Second Church members and friends to the list of supporters of the 2011 Gift of Giving program:

Jane and Mark Harrington Alma Wesley Evelyn and Phil Wilson

A total \$8,969 was contributed by more that 70 “givers” to support Washington Montessori families and our Good Ground Pantry clients.

Thanks to all who generously gave of their time, talent, and treasure again this year!

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH

FELLOWSHIP WITH HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Please remember our home-bound members. They really appreciate receiving cards and knowing that their church family prays for them. Should you not have their addresses, please call our church office. If you know of someone we have omitted, please contact Nancy Smith.



Homebound members are:

Eleanor Bell

Josefina Hilario

Ernestine McKellar

Joyce Polette

Gilbert and Maud Thomas

Alma Wesley

Dr. Ralph Gieselman

Laura Orthwein

Grace Reichle

Mary Shaklee

David and Janet Nevin

♥ VALENTINES!! WHAT FUN?! ♥

Roses are Red, Violets are Blue

We are planning a fun time for all of you.

Doilies, ribbons, hearts, markers, stickers, poems, and riddles. . .

What a great opportunity to get to know and spend some time with some 2PCers you may not know yet. We are inviting all of you to join in making valentines to be delivered to house bound members, residents at Mary Ryder, and other special friends.

There will be yummy sandwiches and fresh fruit for lunch and all the fancies you might desire to make your own amazing valentine creations.

All of you are welcome and encouraged to join in . . .

Sunday February 5

directly after church

in the activity room and adjoining workroom.

MARY RYDER HOME

If you can part with your Mardi Gras beads, the Mary Ryder Home would love to have them. They may be dropped off at the M.R. basket in the first floor hallway. The ladies will have a festive party with them. Thanks.
The Deaconesses

WASHINGTON MONTESSORI

History Comes Alive for Washington Montessori

Twenty-six Washington Montessori 4th and 5th graders had a dramatic introduction to the Civil War January 24. They (and four tutors) attended *Battle Drum*, a children's play depicting the role the drummer boys played in the Civil War.

Struck by the fact that the drummers, who were instrumental in signaling reveille advance, retreat, and other battle strategies, were often no more than 11 years old. The Washington Montessori children – about the same age – saw them as heroes in the shaping of our country's abolition of slavery and the preservation of the Union.

The trip concluded with a tour of the current display of Civil War memorabilia, and the children were introduced to the dramatic differences in life style 150 years ago.

Again, the Second's partnership with Washington Montessori provided a vivid history lesson, one that will have a much greater impact than simply reading a textbook.

You can help the Washington Montessori program

Washington Montessori is participating in the Labels for Education program. This very simple, cost-free project will help underwrite materials for art, athletics and academics.

How does one participate? Simply remove a designated part of the label from Campbells Soup cans, Dannon Yogurt for Kids, Glad plastic products, Franco-American pasta, and a few other products, and place them in the basket in the hallway near the elevator at Second. A complete list of labels and directions for what to remove will be displayed there.

We will periodically deliver labels to the school, and they will be able to use them to get needed equipment free of charge.

GIRL SCOUT TROOP 652

Following an enjoyable holiday, highlighted by assisting with the Good Ground Pantry Christmas party, the troop reformed in early January for its first meeting of the New Year. The focus for the youngest girls was preparing for our upcoming cookie sale. Both Brownie Girl Scouts completed all requirements for a badge while learning the basics of being good sales people. They'll get to practice these skills when taking individual orders and while participating in one or more of the troop booth sales, to be held in March.



Meanwhile the older girls were busy being the chefs for the day - they prepared a delicious meal of chicken and broccoli with home made biscuits. When they weren't cooking, they were planning in earnest for their June trip to Washington DC. So far, they've decided they want to visit the mint to watch money being printed and the Martin Luther King memorial. We've also made reservations to visit the Capitol and have requested tickets to tour the White House. Planning will continue for the next several months.

Finally, the troop's leaders met in mid January to put together the planning calendar for the remainder of the current school year. Participation in several district and council-wide events are planned, a spring tea is in the works, cookie sales will be held in March, and several community service projects are being planned. It promises to be a busy spring!

FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS

We all enjoy the drinks and treats after the worship service! PLEASE choose a Sunday to provide some simple snacks -- it is not necessary to be elaborate! The sign-up calendar is on the bulletin board by the elevator.

USHERS FOR FEBRUARY

Julie March, Carolyn Beimdiek, Jay Summerville

Congregational Meeting and Potluck Luncheon **Sunday, January 29, 2012**

Following worship the congregation will gather in the Dining Room to review the work of the church in 2011 and to elect officers.

Chicken will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

2012 Mission Yearbook Features Second Church Garden

The 2012 Presbyterian Mission Yearbooks for Prayer and Study are available for \$10 each from the church office. This year's book is green, and the Second Church community garden is featured on page 210 for Thursday, July 26th.



SOUPEL BOWL OF CARING

Join the fun on **Sunday, February 5th**, Super Bowl Sunday, to support Good Ground Pantry. Bring cans of soup to worship that day and place them in the box of the team you think will win the Super Bowl that evening. Boxes labeled for the New England Patriots and the New York Giants will be located in the Narthex and Memorial Hall.

In 1990, a Super Bowl Sunday prayer inspired a group of young people (at a Presbyterian Church in South Carolina) to do something more than celebrate a football game. They created the *Souper Bowl of Caring* and mobilized youth across the country to raise more than \$71 million for people in need. For more info, visit www.souperbowl.org

JOURNEY TOWARD PITTSBURGH

General Assembly 2012

Justice and evangelism

To the pastors and congregations of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.),

At the start of this new year, we bring a special word of thanks and gratitude to each of you for your ongoing support and engagement in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

As the eternal rhythm of the liturgical calendar moves us once again into Ordinary Time, we give thanks to God for the stories we have just retold and heard together. Mary's song. The story of God-with-us. The revelation of God's promise and purpose to the nations of the world.

In these days after Epiphany – as the Holy Spirit calls us to tell the good news of Christ's saving love to all the earth — we remember, too, that because the usual order of the world is overturned in Christ Jesus, we are also called to do justice. And that's really good news. Justice and evangelism are partners, two sides of the same coin.

The newest issue of *Presbyterians Today* is dedicated to that very convergence, with inspiring stories of how God is creating a new church in and through us, and lifting up a movement that is gaining momentum, a vision of helping to birth 1,001 new worshiping communities in the next 10 years. Many of these will look different from what we expect. But remember: the usual order of the world is overturned in Christ Jesus!

In one of the feature stories, "Justice meets evangelism," Joseph Johnson, pastor of Evergreen Presbyterian Church in Dothan, Ala., says he remembers visiting his grandparents in strife-torn Birmingham in the 1960s and sensing a disconnect between the poverty and racial injustice on the streets and the messages he was hearing in churches.

“In our culture, we’ve separated justice and evangelism into two disciplines — one about saving souls, the other about filling bellies,” he says. “But the way I read Scripture, people didn’t follow Jesus just because he promised them eternal life, but because he promised them life today.” Jesus gave people hope by breaking down social barriers, by healing and feeding them, Johnson says. “Evangelism should be an invitation to follow Jesus along this path.”

As we head toward the 220th General Assembly (2012) in Pittsburgh, PA, we are encouraged. God’s Spirit is on the move, bringing our diverse voices together as we work with each other in new ways for the upbuilding of Christ’s church.

We enter this assembly year with a great sense of hope. Hope that we are eager to share with you. Be on the watch for more good-news messages as we journey toward Pittsburgh. And may your work as leaders — by the grace of God and the power of the Holy Spirit — help to make 2012 an encouraging, upbuilding, unifying year for all of God’s children.

Faithfully yours,

**Linda Valentine, Executive Director of the General Assembly Mission Council
Gradye Parsons, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly**



To Rev. Boteler and Second Presbyterian Church:

Many many “Thanks” for your support and prayers, before and after my move during the Spring of 2011. Thanks to Nancy Quigley for her extra patience as we searched and advocated at the same time for accessibility in Senior Housing, that should be there, but was not. As an activist in the Disabled Community, I can not semi-retire, even as I get older. Please continue to pray for me and others as we try to live an accessible life.

Many thanks again, Alma Wesley